

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

This listing of all claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

- 1 1. (currently amended) An eyeglass assembly comprising:
 - 2 an eyeglass frame having lens receptacles; and
 - 3 a rib coupled to the eyeglass frame and including a brow portion, the
 - 4 brow portion having side portions extending above the lens receptacles and the
 - 5 rib having extensions coupled to the brow portion and extending downwardly
 - 6 along both sides of a wearer's nose and the rib having a pliable coating on at
 - 7 least some of its surface.
- 1 2. (currently amended) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 1, wherein the
2 rib is affixed to the eyeglass frame by at least one fastener and at least one
3 attachment means being integral to the rib and the eyeglass frame, the fastener
4 being separate from the rib and the eyeglass frame and passing through an
5 aperture of one of the rib and the eyeglass frame and secured to another one of
6 the rib and the eyeglass frame.
- 1 3. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 2, wherein the at least one
2 fastener comprises a screw.
- 1 4. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 2, wherein the fastener affixes
2 the rib to a nose bridge portion of the frame.
- 1 5. (currently amended) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 2, wherein the
2 rib is affixed to the eyeglass frame by a plurality of attachment means comprising
3 a plurality of tabs extending from the eyeglass frame and for each tab extending
4 from the eyeglass frame a corresponding tab receptacle in the rib.
- 1 6. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 5, wherein the eyeglasses
2 further comprises a plurality of air vents including at least one air vent positioned
3 between a pair of the tabs.

1 7. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 6, wherein the at least one air
2 vent has a central axis that is substantially sloped with respect to a top surface of
3 the eyeglass frame.

1 8. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 1, wherein the rib is affixed to
2 the eyeglass frame by a plurality of attachment means being integral to the frame
3 and rib, the plurality of attachment means comprising:

4 a plurality of tabs extending from the eyeglass frame and for each tab
5 extending from the eyeglass frame a corresponding tab receptacle in the rib; and
6 a plurality of tabs extending from the rib and for each tab extending from
7 the rib a corresponding tab receptacle in the eyeglass frame.

1 9. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 8, wherein at least some of the
2 tab receptacles in the rib are positioned in the brow portion of the rib.

1 10. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 8, wherein the plurality of tabs
2 extending from the rib includes at least one tab positioned near each of the left
3 and right ends of the brow portion of the rib.

1 11. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 8, wherein at least some of the
2 tab receptacles in the rib are positioned in the extensions.

1 12. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 8, wherein the plurality of tabs
2 extending from the rib includes at least one tab positioned near each of the ends
3 of the extensions.

1 13. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 1, the pliable coating being
2 molded to the rib.

1 14. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 13, the pliable coating
2 covering substantially all of the plastic rib that would otherwise be exposed.

1 15. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 1, the pliable coating being
2 disposed between a wearer of the eyeglasses and the rib at all places of wearer
3 contact to the frame.

1 16. (currently amended) An eyeglass assembly comprising:
2 an eyeglass frame having a left frame portion including a left lens
3 receptacle and a right frame portion including a right lens receptacle, and a nose
4 bridge portion connecting the left frame portion and the right frame portion; and
5 a rib coupled to an inner side of the eyeglass frame and including a brow
6 portion, the brow portion having a left side portion, a right side portion and a
7 middle portion, the left side portion positioned above the left lens receptacle and
8 the right side portion positioned above the right lens receptacle, the rib including
9 a left nosepiece extension extending downwardly from the middle portion and
10 along the left frame portion and a right nosepiece extension extending
11 downwardly from the middle portion and along the right frame portion, the rib
12 having a pliable coating on at least some of its surface.

1 17. (currently amended) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 16, wherein the
2 rib is affixed to the eyeglass frame by at least one fastener and at least one
3 attachment means being integral to the rib and the eyeglass frame, the fastener
4 being separate from the rib and the eyeglass frame and passing through an
5 aperture of one of the rib and the eyeglass frame and secured to another one of
6 the rib and the eyeglass frame.

1 18. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 17, wherein the at least one
2 fastener comprises a screw.

1 19. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 17, wherein the fastener affixes
2 the middle portion of the rib to the nose bridge portion of the frame.

1 20. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 17, wherein the rib is affixed to
2 the eyeglass frame by a plurality of attachment means comprising a plurality of
3 tabs extending from the eyeglass frame and for each tab extending from the
4 eyeglass frame a corresponding tab receptacle in the rib

- 1 21. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 20, wherein the eyeglasses
- 2 further comprises a plurality of air vents including at least one air vent positioned
- 3 between a pair of the tabs.
- 1 22. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 21, wherein the at least one air
- 2 vent has a central axis that is substantially sloped with respect to a top surface of
- 3 the eyeglass frame.
- 1 23. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 16, wherein the rib is affixed to
- 2 the eyeglass frame by a plurality of attachment means being integral to the frame
- 3 and rib, the plurality of attachment means comprising:
 - 4 a plurality of tabs extending from the eyeglass frame and for each tab
 - 5 extending from the eyeglass frame a corresponding tab receptacle in the rib; and
 - 6 a plurality of tabs extending from the rib and for each tab extending from
 - 7 the rib a corresponding tab receptacle in the eyeglass frame.
- 1 24. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 23, wherein at least some of
- 2 the tab receptacles in the rib are positioned in the brow portion of the rib.
- 1 25. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 23, wherein the plurality of
- 2 tabs extending from the rib includes at least one tab positioned near each of the
- 3 left and right ends of the brow portion of the rib.
- 1 26. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 23, wherein at least some of
- 2 the tab receptacles in the rib are positioned in the left and right nosepiece
- 3 extensions.
- 1 27. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 23, wherein the plurality of
- 2 tabs extending from the rib includes at least one tab positioned near each of the
- 3 ends of the left and right nosepiece extensions.
- 1 28. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 23, wherein the rib is affixed to
- 2 the frame by at least one fastener.

- 1 29. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 28, wherein the at least one
- 2 fastener comprises a screw affixed to the frame through an aperture in the rib.
- 1 30. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 16, wherein the rib is affixed to
- 2 the eyeglass frame by a plurality of attachment means being integral to the frame
- 3 and rib, the plurality of attachment means comprising:
 - 4 a plurality of tabs extending from the eyeglass frame and for each tab
 - 5 extending from the eyeglass frame a corresponding tab receptacle in the rib, the
 - 6 plurality of tabs including at least one tab positioned in the left nose piece
 - 7 extension and the right nosepiece extension and a plurality of tabs positioned
 - 8 spaced apart in the brow portion; and
 - 9 a plurality of tabs extending from the rib and for each tab extending from
 - 10 the rib a corresponding tab receptacle in the eyeglass frame, the plurality of tabs
 - 11 including tabs positioned at each of the left and right ends of the brow portion of
 - 12 the rib, the end of the left nose piece extension and the end of the right nosepiece
 - 13 extension.
- 1 31. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 30, wherein the rib is affixed to
- 2 the frame by at least one fastener.
- 1 32. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 31, wherein the at least one
- 2 fastener comprises a screw affixed to the nose bridge portion of the frame
- 3 through an aperture in the rib.
- 1 33. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 30, further comprising a
- 2 plurality of air vents, each air vent positioned between a pair of the tabs.
- 1 34. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 33, wherein the at least one air
- 2 vent has a central axis that is substantially sloped with respect to a top surface of
- 3 the eyeglass frame.
- 1 35. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 16, the pliable coating being
- 2 molded to the rib.

1 36. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 35, the pliable coating
2 covering substantially all of the plastic rib that would otherwise be exposed.

1 37. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 16, the pliable coating being
2 disposed between a wearer of the eyeglasses and the rib at all places of wearer
3 contact to the frame.

1 38. (currently amended) A method of manufacturing eyeglasses comprising:
2 forming a molded rib;
3 molding a pliable coating on at least some of the surface of the molded
4 rib; and
5 affixing the molded rib to an eyeglass frame by at least one fastener, the
6 fastener being separate from the rib and the eyeglass frame and passing through
7 an aperture of one of the rib and the eyeglass frame and secured to another one of
8 the rib and the eyeglass frame and at least one attachment means being integral to
9 the rib and the eyeglass frame.

1 39. (original) The method according to claim 38, wherein the frame includes lens
2 receptacles and wherein the rib includes a brow portion, the brow portion having
3 side portions extending above the lens receptacles and the rib having extensions
4 coupled to the brow portion and extending downwardly along both sides of a
5 wearer's nose.

1 40. (canceled)

1 41. (currently amended) The method according to claim[[40]]38, wherein the at
2 least one fastener comprises a screw.

1 42. (currently amended) The method according to claim[[40]]38, wherein the
2 fastener affixes the rib to a nose bridge portion of the frame.

1 43. (currently amended) The method according to claim[[40]]38, wherein the rib
2 is affixed to the eyeglass frame by a plurality of attachment means comprising a

3 plurality of tabs extending from the eyeglass frame and for each tab extending
4 from the eyeglass frame a corresponding tab receptacle in the rib.

1 44. (currently amended) The method according to claim 43, wherein forming the
2 rib comprises forming a plurality of slots for air vents including at least one air
3 vent positioned between a pair of the tabs.

1 45. (canceled)

1 46. (original) The method according to claim 38, the pliable coating being molded to
2 the rib.

1 47. (original) The method according to claim 46, wherein the rib is formed in a first
2 mold and then placed in a second mold for molding the pliable coating to the rib.

1 48. (original) The method according to claim 46, the pliable coating covering
2 substantially all of the plastic rib that would otherwise be exposed.

1 49. (original) The method according to claim 46, the pliable coating being disposed
2 between a wearer of the eyeglasses and the rib at all places of wearer contact to
3 the frame.

1 50. (original) The method according to claim 38, further comprising attaching earpieces
2 to the eyeglass frame.

1 51. (currently amended) An eyeglass assembly comprising:
2 an eyeglass frame having lens receptacles; and
3 a pliable coating coupled to the eyeglass frame, the pliable coating
4 including a brow portion and extensions, and including a brow portion, the brow
5 portion having side portions extending above the lens receptacles and terminating
6 at extremities above the lens receptacles and the pliable coating having
7 extensions coupled to the brow portion and extending downwardly along both
8 sides of a wearer's nose, and terminating at extremities along both sides of the
9 wearer's nose.

1 52. (currently amended) A method of manufacturing eyeglasses comprising:
2 forming a molded eyeglass frame in a first mold fixture; and
3 molding a pliable coating on at least some of the surface of the frame in a
4 second mold fixture, the pliable coating consisting of a brow portion and
5 extensions, the brow portion having side portions extending above the lens
6 receptacles and terminating at extremities above the lens receptacles, and the
7 extensions coupled to the brow portion and extending downwardly along both
8 sides of a wearer's nose, and terminating at extremities along both sides of the
9 wearer's nose.

1 53. (Canceled)

1 54. (new) An eyeglass assembly comprising:
2 an eyeglass frame having lens receptacles; and
3 a rib including a brow portion and extensions, the brow portion having
4 side portions extending above the lens receptacles, the extensions extending
5 downwardly along both sides of a wearer's nose, the rib having a pliable coating
6 on at least some of its surface, the rib having a plurality of tabs affixing the rib to
7 the eyeglass frame, the plurality of tabs including at least one tab positioned near
8 each of left and right ends of the brow portion of the rib, and the plurality of tabs
9 including at least one tab positioned near each of the ends of the extensions.

1 55. (new) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 54, wherein a least one
2 fastener, separate from the rib and the eyeglass frame and passing through an
3 aperture of one of the rib and the eyeglass frame and secured to another one of
4 the rib and the eyeglass frame, affixes the rib to a nose bridge portion of the
5 eyeglass frame.

1 56. (new) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 55, wherein the at least one
2 fastener comprises a screw.

1 57. (new) An eyeglass assembly comprising:
2 an eyeglass frame having lens receptacles; and

3 a rib coupled to the eyeglass frame by a plurality of tabs, and at least one
4 air vent positioned between a pair of the tabs.

1 58. (new) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 57, wherein the rib includes a
2 brow portion, the brow portion having a left side portion, and a right side portion, the
3 left side portion positioned above the left lens receptacle and the right side portion
4 positioned above the right lens receptacle, the rib also including a left nosepiece
5 extension extending downwardly from the middle portion and along the left frame
6 portion and a right nosepiece extension extending downwardly from the middle
7 portion and along the right frame portion, the rib having a pliable coating on at least
8 some of its surface.

1 59. (new) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 5, wherein one or more of the tab
2 receptacles accommodates the corresponding tab causing a distortion when fitted
3 together.